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1. When North Korean troops entered Taejon on 17 July, almost the entire population had evacuated to a region approximately 3 miles away. By 27 July, about two-thirds of the population returned to the city and to their former jobs, and were cooperating with the Communists.

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2. As a result of North Korean victories, many North Korean middle school students, who previously opposed the North Korean government, have been volunteering for the North Korean People's Army.

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3. The railroad from Taejon to Sechon (Saisen) station (127-30, 36-20) has been completely destroyed by UN air raids.

4. North Korean munitions in Taejon are stored in the former South Korean Provost Marshal headquarters building and former Provincial Government (former U.S. Army headquarters) building. Supplies are brought in by night from an undetermined area to Chonan (127-10, 36-48) by railroad, thence to Taejon by truck, and on to combat area by oxcart.

5. North Korean authorities were trying to repair the Taejon airstrip with conscripted Taejon residents. On 27 July one Yak plane landed on the airstrip, and left shortly thereafter.

6. There are approximately 2,000 North Korean wounded in the former South Korean army hospital in southern Taejon. A large tank (UT-34) was parked in front of the hospital.

7. On 25 July, approximately 100 tanks arrived in Taejon; they continued south on 26 July. The tanks were a new type, approximately 1½ times larger than the UT-34 type. Each had two guns (caliber unreported) in front.

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